



**A Message from
Congressman Vela**

Dear Friends,

It is an honor to serve the people of South Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives. As your representative, my number one priority is you.

If you can't get an answer from a federal agency or department in a timely manner, or if you feel you have been treated unfairly by the federal government, the office may be able to help resolve a problem or get the information you need.

Inside this brochure you will find helpful tips and contact information for all the offices.

Sincerely,

Filemon Vela
Member of Congress

How to Contact Me

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Federal Agencies and Government Hotlines

Cancer Information Services
(800) 4-CANCER

Consumer Information Publications
(800) FED-INFO

Consumer Product Safety
(800) 638-2772

Dept. of Education
(800) USA-LEARN

EPA National Response Center
(800) 424-8802

Health Information Referral Service
(800) 336-4797

Income Tax Questions (IRS)
(800) 829-1040

Immigration Hotline
(800) 375-5283

Medicaid Eligibility
(888) 834-7406

Medicare
(800) MEDICARE

Small Business Administration
(800) 827-5722

Substance Abuse Hotline
(800) 662-HELP

U.S. Capitol Switchboard
(202) 224-3121

Veterans Benefits Hotline
(800) 827-1000

Federal Agencies

Staff and I are here to help cut through the red tape of the federal government. If you are having trouble with a federal agency, please contact me to request assistance.

Small Businesses

The office is available to help connect small businesses with resources, including grants and loans, Small Business Administration services, and business opportunities to provide constituents with the needed help to start a small business.

Flag Requests

U.S. flags are available for purchase from the office. Please visit the website, vela.house.gov, to calculate the price and shipping costs or call my office to place an order. You will have the option to request that the purchased flags be flown over the U.S. Capitol.

Veterans Resources

Staff and I stand ready to help veterans and their families secure their military records, medals, and earned benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Service Academy Nominations

As your representative in the United States Congress, I have the honor of nominating students for admission to the Military Service Academies. Please visit the website, vela.house.gov, or contact the office if you are interested in attending the Merchant Marine Academy, the U.S. Air Force Academy, the U.S. Naval Academy, or West Point.

Tour Requests

If you are planning a trip to Washington, D.C., the office can arrange for you to visit attractions around our nation's capital. While it is not possible to fulfill all tour requests, especially during summer or other busy times, contacting the office in advance of your trip will help us make arrangements for tours at museums, including the U.S. Capitol.



Left photo: Congressman Filemon Vela discusses how a bill becomes a law with with a 1st grade class in Brownsville, Texas. **Right photo:** Congressman Filemon Vela visits veterans on Veterans Day to discuss veteran legislative issues.